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Downtown Anna is envisioned as being a dense, walkable, safe, livable, and sustainable urban environment with complete streets, a variety of land uses, and activities for all ages. It will be a vibrant district where people can live, work, play, and shop. Its mixed uses will include multi-family, retail, dining, entertainment, and public and institutional. It will be distinctive and convey a unique sense of place by offering a walkable pedestrian mall – something none of its neighbors in North Texas offer. Furthermore, it will have various focal points and points-of-interest including original public art, wayfinding markers, and relaxing public spaces. It will be safe for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It will be connected to the wider North Texas region and DFW Metroplex via rail transit. Importantly, it will be a sustainable place. According to the American Planning Association, the eight principles of “Sustainable Places” are:

1. Livable built environments
2. Harmony with nature
3. Resilient economy
4. Interwoven equity
5. Healthy communities
6. Responsible regionalism
7. Authentic participation
8. Accountable implementation (APA, 2014).

Through combining research, planning best practices, and stakeholder participation – Downtown Anna is poised to grow and develop in a sustainable way. Anna will be historic and modern, something old and something new, something for the young, old, and young at heart.

Future Vision

The following are illustrations depict Downtown Anna as a walkable, pedestrian oriented, and thriving mixed-use district. Images 45 through 50 are 3D sketches of what a future, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly, mixed-use, Downtown, Anna could look like.

Images 44 and 45: Hypothetical views of Pedestrian- and Bicycle-friendly Downtown Anna with Context-Appropriate Mixed Use Buildings



Image 45



Image 46: Pedestrian Mall with Mid-Block Signalized Crosswalk



Image 47: Pedestrian Mall With Local Variety and Visual Interest (Quanset Hut, Food Cart, Fountain, Trees, etc.)



Image 48: Detail of Downtown Pedestrian Mall with Food Trailer and Street Furniture



Image 49: Buildings Fronting Pedestrian Mall



Image 50: Pedestrian Wayfinding Marker at Corner

